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SUBJECT: SEMIANNUAL PLANT PERFORMANCE REVIEW (SPPR) - **RIVER BEND**

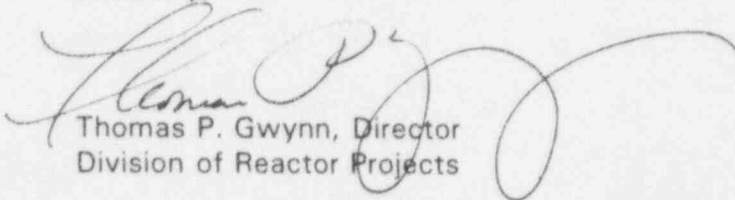
Dear Mr. McGaha:

On March 25, 1997, the NRC staff completed the SPPR of River Bend. The staff conducts these reviews for all operating nuclear power plants to develop an integrated understanding of safety performance. The results are used by NRC management to facilitate planning and allocation of inspection resources. The SPPR for River Bend involved the participation of all technical divisions in evaluating inspection results and safety performance information for the period October 1996 through March 1997. SPPRs provide NRC management with a current summary of licensee performance and serve as inputs to the NRC Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance and Senior Management Meeting reviews.

This letter advises you of our planned inspection effort resulting from the River Bend SPPR review. It is provided to minimize the resource impact on your staff and to allow for scheduling conflicts and personnel availability to be resolved in advance of inspector arrival onsite. The enclosure details our inspection plan for the next 8 months. The rationale or basis for each inspection outside the core inspection program is provided such that you are aware of the reason for emphasis in these program areas. Resident inspections are not listed due to their ongoing and continuous nature.

We will inform you of any changes to the inspection plan. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Harrell at (817) 860-8250.

Sincerely,



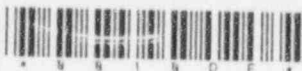
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Enclosure:
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RIVER BEND STATION

INSPECTION PLAN

IP - Inspection Procedure

TI - Temporary Instruction

Core Inspection - Minimum NRC Inspection Program (mandatory all plants)

INSPECTION	TITLE/ PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF INSPECTORS	DATES	TYPE OF INSPECTION/COMMENTS
TI 2515/xxx	FIRE PROTECTION FUNCTIONAL INSPECTION	5	06/16-20/97 06/30-07/03/97	PILOT INSPECTION EFFORT BY HEADQUARTERS
IP 81700	PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM	2 1	06/23-27/97 08/04-08/97	CORE INSPECTION
IP 86750	SOLID RAD WASTE MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION OF RAD MATERIAL	1	07/14-18/97	CORE INSPECTION
N/A	INITIAL OPERATOR EXAMS	2	07/28-08/01/97	INITIAL OPERATOR EXAMS
IP 73753	INSERVICE INSPECTION	1	09/15-19/97	CORE INSPECTION
IP 92902	FUEL INTEGRITY AND REACTOR SUBCRITICALITY	1	09/29-10/03/97	FOLLOWUP OF PREVIOUS FIRS INSPECTION
IP 73756	INSERVICE TESTING	2	12/08-12/97	REGIONAL INITIATIVE
IP 71001	LICENSED OPERATOR REQUALIFICATION PROGRAM EVALUATION	3	12/1-5/97	CORE INSPECTION